

The Battle of Monroe's Crossroads

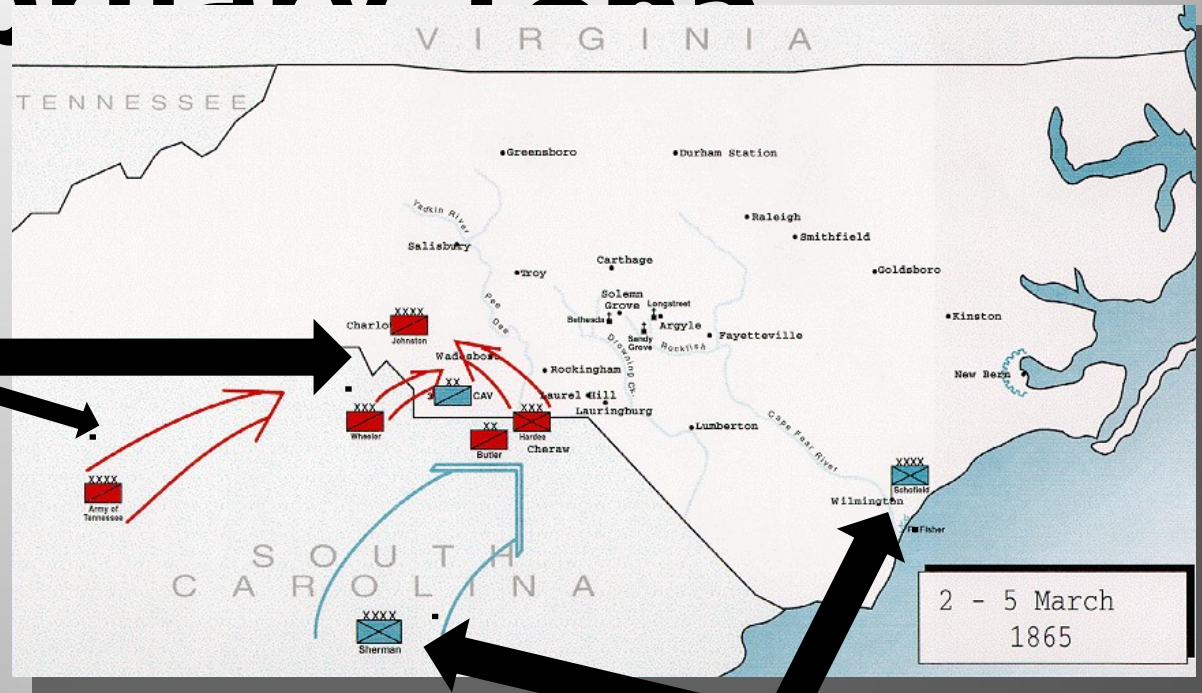
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Setting the Stage, February, 1865

Confederates:

- General (GEN) Joseph E. Johnston, Lieutenant General (LTG) William J. Hardee, LTG Joseph Wheeler, Major General (MG) Matthew C. Butler, and LTG Wade Hampton

- Intend to isolate and engage wing of GEN Sherman's



Federals (Union):

- GEN Sherman and MG Kilpatrick
 - Intend to move east of Charlotte and destroy Fayetteville arsenal/reunite with Feds on coast
- MG Kilpatrick's troops create illusion of moving

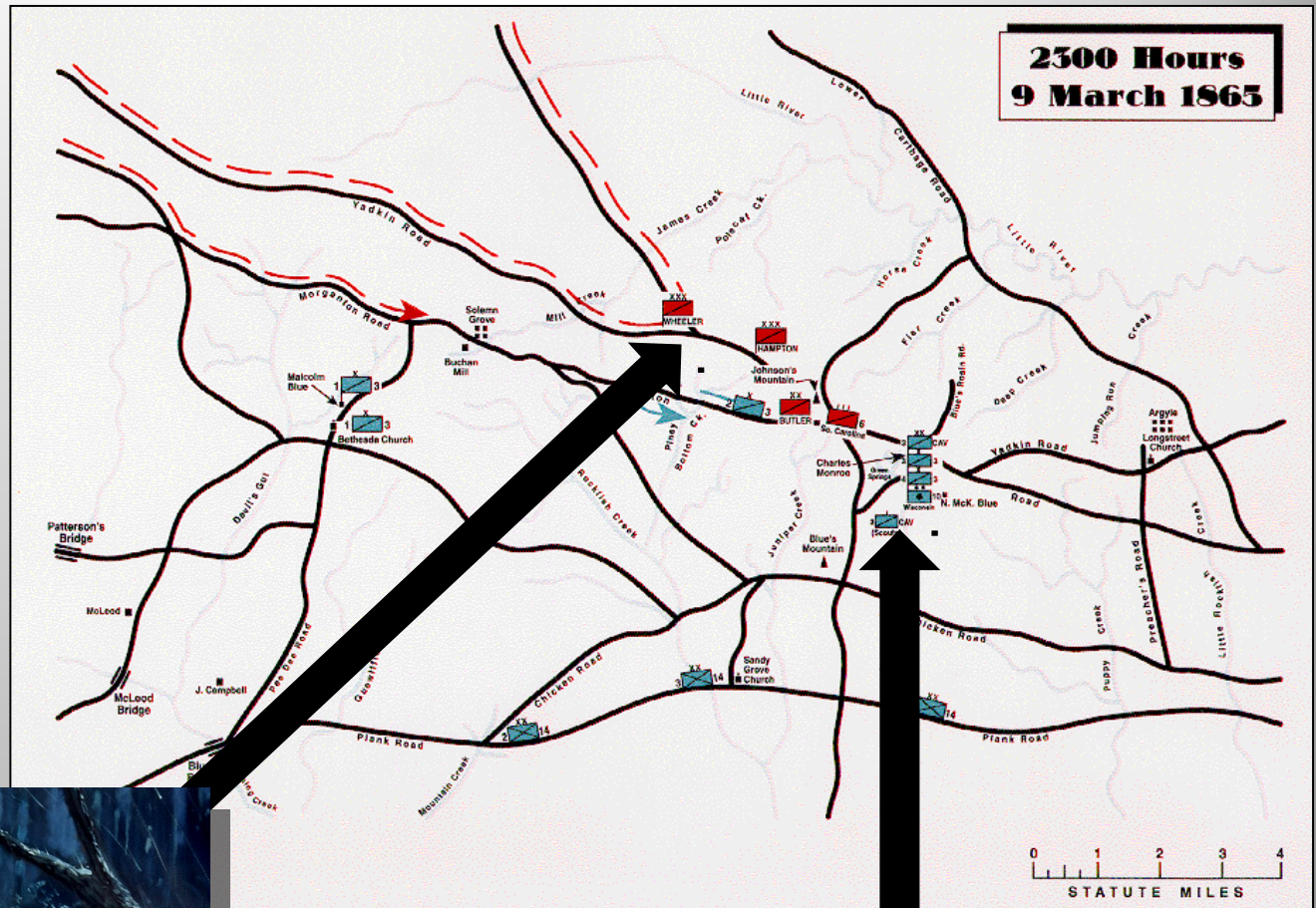
Positioni

Confederates:

- MG Butler's advance guard arrives at Yadkin

Rd. and Morganton Rd. before Kilpatrick's advance guard; captures

Kilpatrick's advance guard when they arrive



Federals:

- Kilpatrick's scouts camp at Monroe's Crossroads, south of Nicholson Creek

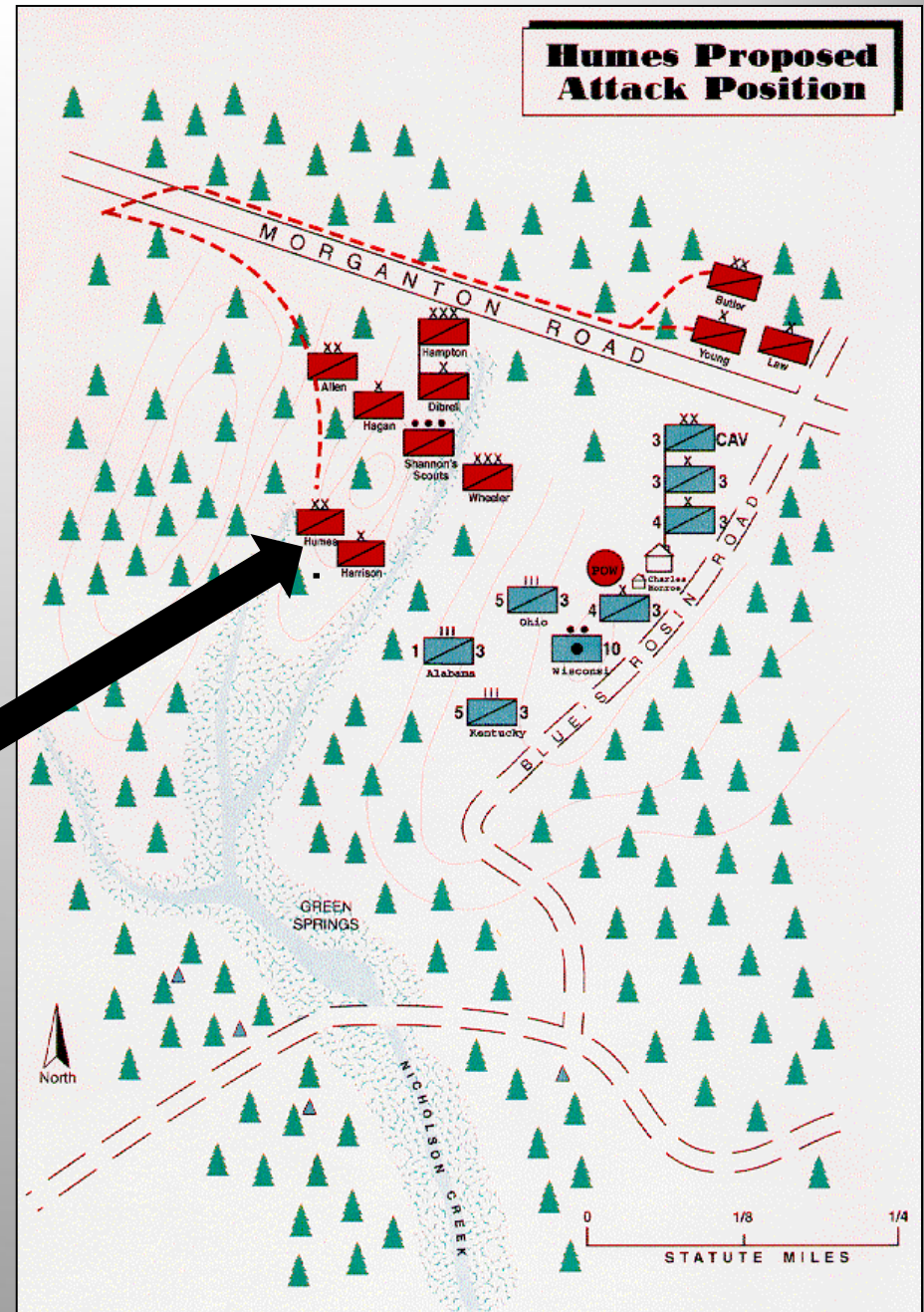
- Kilpatrick and detail from 3rd Brigade stay behind

at Monroe house to direct 2nd Brigade

Preparing for Attack

Confederates:

- LTG Hampton proposes dawn attack across Nicholson Creek tributary
- Attack to be led by Butler from north, Wheeler from northwest, and



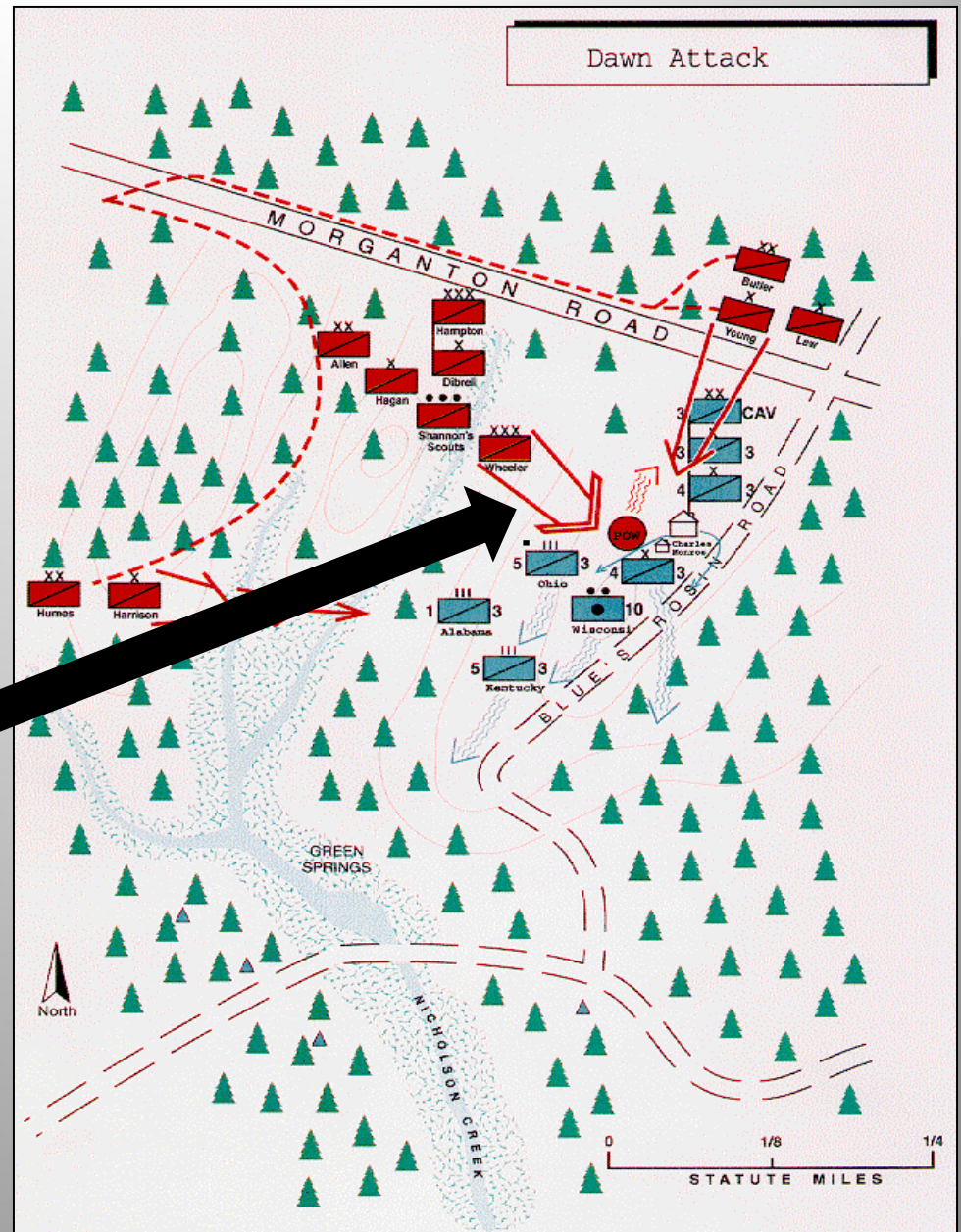
Attack!

Confederates:

- Charge past Monroe house into camp

Federals:

- Flee south to Nicholson Creek swamps



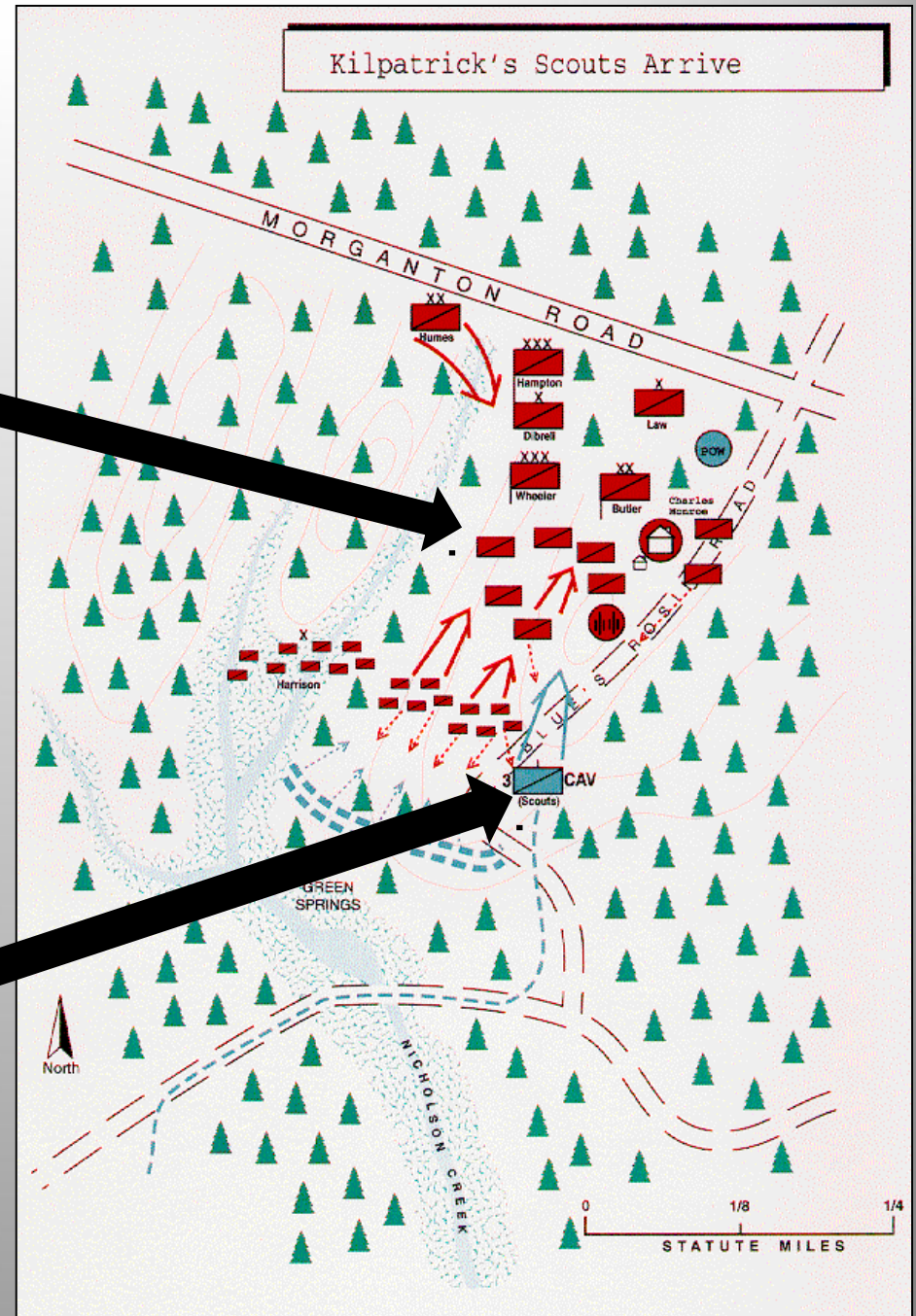
Federals Regroup

Confederates:

- Search for ammunition, clothing, and food in camp

Federals:

- Regrouping in and around Nicholson Creek's swamps
- Joined by Kilpatrick and his contingent (had skirted around Confederate troops to regroup with Federals)



Counterattack!

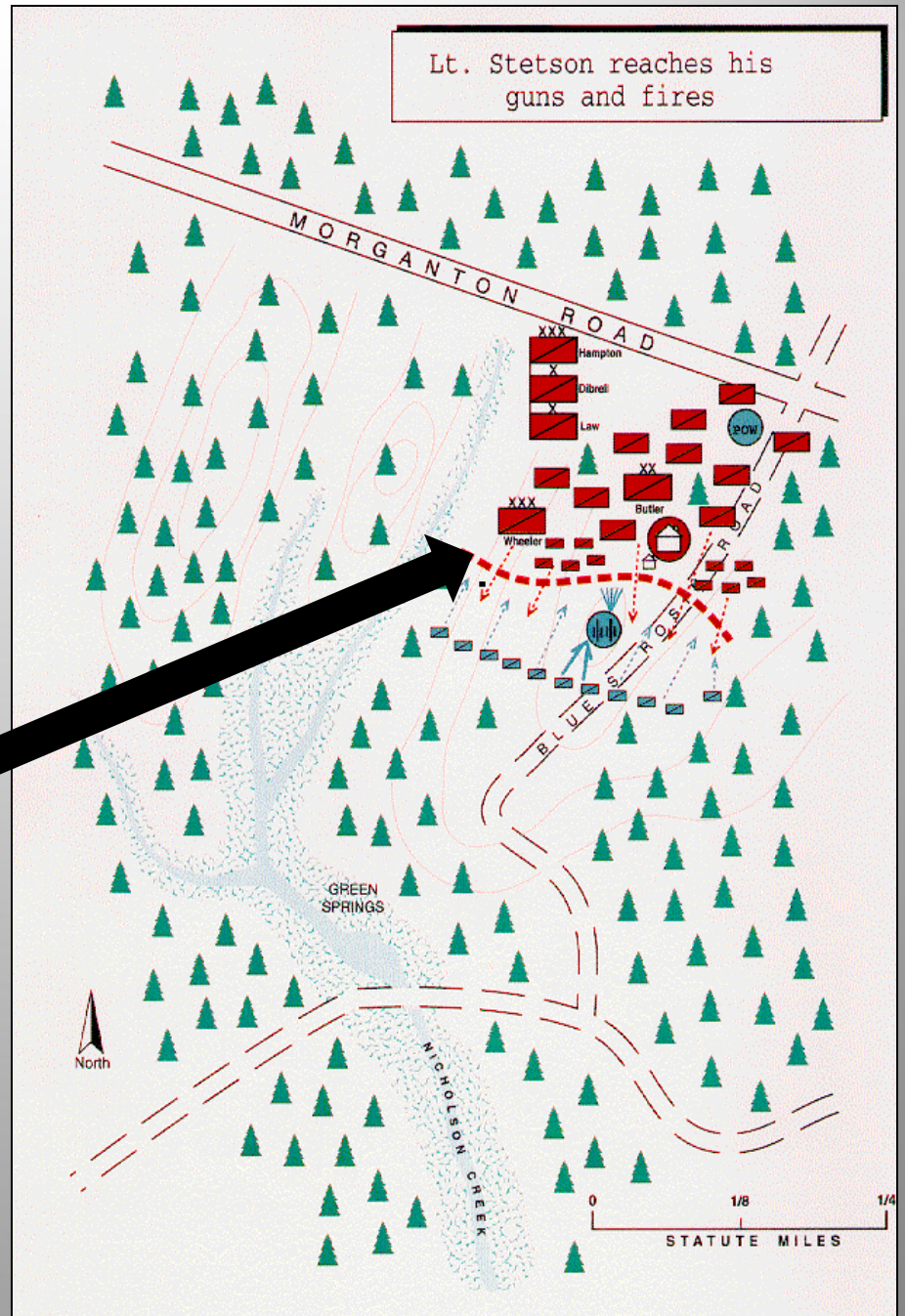
Confederates:

- Unprepared; leave gunnery unattended

Federals:

- Kilpatrick not identified by Confederates at Monroe house

- Launch counterattack just as Confederates leave gunnery



Battle Ends

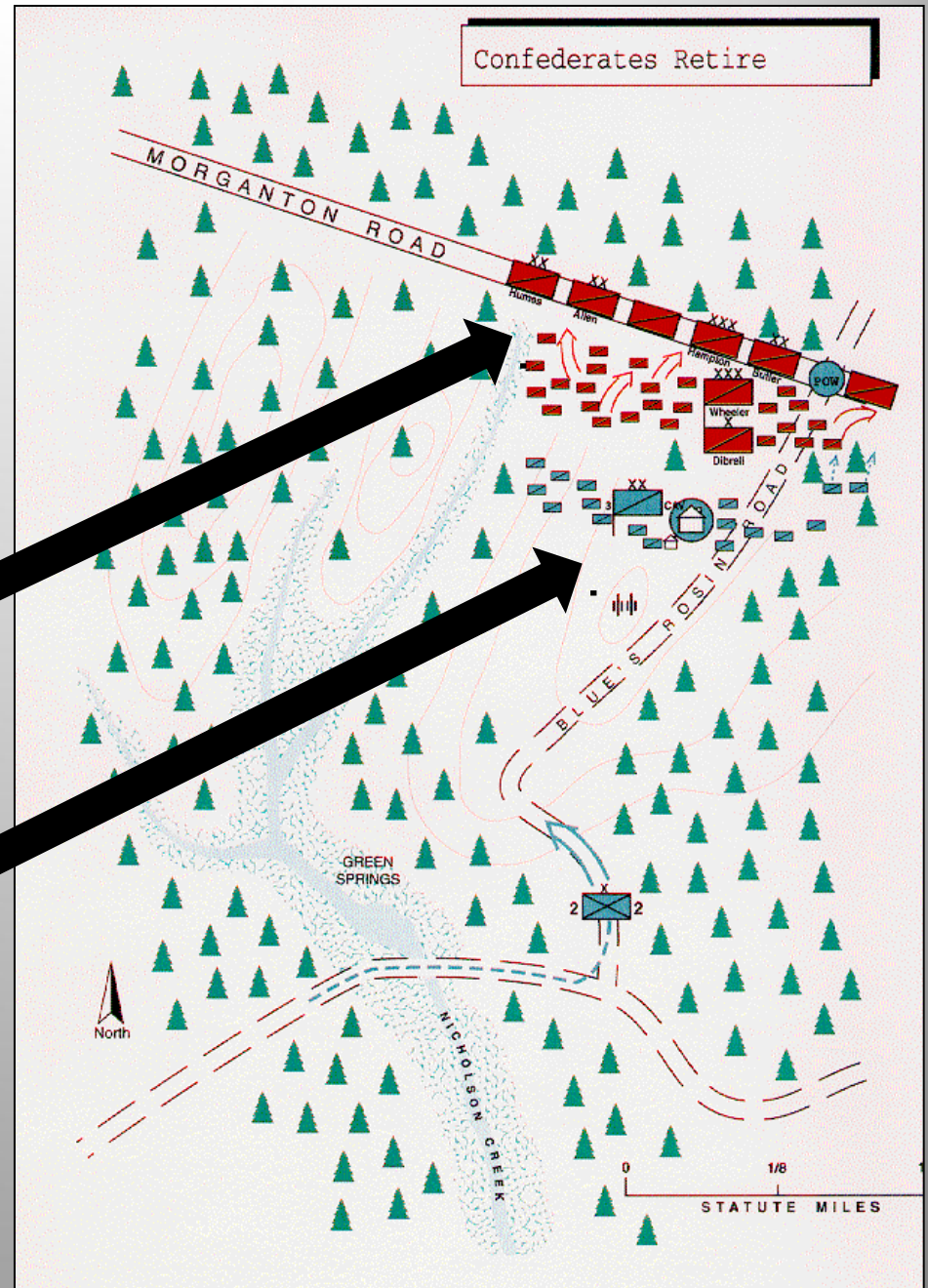
March 10, 1865

Confederates:

- Scattered, disorganized at onset
- Advances repulsed
- LTG Wheeler and LTG Hampton confer and decide to withdrawal

Federals:

- Federals advance into camp
under cover of gunnery
- Exhaustion prevents pursuit of Confederates



Monroe's Crossroads Battle Site Today

- Contains commemorative markers and graves representing ~ 200 killed
- CRMP Staff Ride available (*must* coordinate with CRMP in advance)

